

**CHAPTER NO. 196**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 704**

**By Representatives Bowers, Favors, Armstrong, Henri Brooks**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 955**

**By Senators Ford, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4 and Title 71, Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-414, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) The department of children's services and the commission on aging and disability shall collaboratively design and implement a full range of educational, counseling, referral, and other services designed to encourage and support elderly foster parents and disabled relative caregivers who participate in the relative caregiver program. The collective goal of such services shall be maximization of family stability and success within the relative caregiver program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 5, 2005**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR